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FM AMEMBASSY DAKAR

TO AMEMBASSY LONDON PRIORITY

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AFDROUGHT

EO 11652: NA

SUBJ: ROSSO FERRY

REF: A. NOUAKCHOTT 631 B. LONDON 06691

1. AWAIT DECISION ON APPROPRIATENESS OF "MAXIFLOAT" FOR  
USE AS FERRY AT ROSSO FOR DOOD COMMODITIES.

2. IF JUDGED SUITABLE FOR USE AS A FERRY, RECOMMEND  
TRANSPORTATION BY SHIP TO DAKAR/ST LOUIS FOR ASSEMBLY  
AND SUBSEQUENT DISPATCH TO ROSSO.

3. ORDER OF PRIORITIES CITED INFLUENCED BY FACT THAT  
SOLE REMAINING FERRY IS NOW OPERATIVE, ALBEIT RENUOUSLY.  
IF HOWEVER IT WERE TO BREAK DOWN FOR ANY LENGTH OF TIME-  
AND ITS AGE AND GENERAL DECREPITUDE ARE SUCH THAT THIS  
CANNOT BE RULED OUT-MAURITANIAN PRIORITIES WOULD BE  
SPEEDILY RE-ORDERED. VESSEL HAS BEEN PLAGUED BY BREAK-  
DOWNS, FOR A TIME WAS OPERATING ON ONLY ONE OF ITS TWIN  
MOTORS, AND MECHANICAL REPAIRS HAVE INVOLVED CANNIBALIZATION  
OF ENGINE FROM BACK-UP FERRY, NOW NO LONGER FUNCTIONING.

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4. POSITION IS SERIOUS, BECAUSE SHOULD PRESENT VESSEL GO TO THE BOTTOM OR OTHERWISE OUT OF SERVICE, BULK TRANSPORT ACROSS RIVER OF POL AND OTHER NEEDED SUPPLIES WOULD NO LONGER BE POSSIBLE.

5. IT IS QUITE CORRECT THAT MAURITANIAN GOVT ATTACHES GREAT IMPORTANCE TO ACQUISITION OF MORE TRUCKS FOR INLAND TRANSPORT AS WELL AS UP-GRADING PRESENT RIVER BARGE CAPABILITY. NEVERTHELESS, RDO CONSIDERS DEPENDABLE FERRY AT ROSSO RIVER CROSSING CRUCIAL TO SUCCESS OF CONTINUING RE-SUPPLY EFFORT FROM DAKAR.  
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